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The planning for the Spring Get-together and Old-timers Party is just about finished, and the program is set. Judging from the way reservations are coming in, we will have a nice group of people. Like any thing else though, there's always room for more. If you haven't sent your reservation in yet, call Harry or Ed at the numbers listed at the left side of this publication and we will remedy the situation. You won't be disappointed.

On April 21, with the help of my able assistant and XYL, Donna, I put on a demonstration of Amateur Radio for 53 students at the Jefferson Elementary School in Wauwatosa. The presentation was well received by the kids. DX conditions on this day were not the greatest for us. We were fortunate enough to hear Les, W9YCV, working a UB station in the USSR. It was on 15 meters and Les was using CW. One student wanted to know how I could tell what was being said because he couldn't hear anything but beeping noises. That was a good way to get into the requirements for an Amateur License. After demonstrations and explainations, I wanted to know how many wanted to talk on the radio. In all three groups of kids, only about a half-a-dozen didn't want to talk. This situation surprised me. In previous cases like this, the kids were too bashful. The first group went fine, but in the second group the gremlins got me - my good old faithful battery pack died. When we got to the third group, we marched the kids to my car and used the mobile rig. I want to thank KE9JJ, WD9JKZ, KC9CI (near Great America), NW9X (in Sheboygan Falls) and the MAARS 5,13 repeater for helping make the presentation a success.

It is with deep regret that I have to report the passing of one of our older members. George Greeson, W9KLK, is a Silent Key. George will be missed by all.

The Ozaukee Radio Club is holding a Swapfest on May 6. MRAC will have a table for club members who want to bring things to sell. Please label with your name and price. There will also be license exams given by the Badger Examiners.

Thanks to Walter Greene, WA9RYL, for his presentation on shunt fed vertical antennas at the April meeting. Great job.

The next meeting of MRAC will be held on May 25, 1989, at the Wauwatosa Savings and Loan Building, 7500 West State Street. The time --- 7:30PM. The doors will be open about 7:00PM for hand-shaking and chit-chat or whatever.

At this next meeting, May 25, the annual election will be held for the position of Director. Three Directors are needed. The following is the list of candidates:

Richard Schlatterer, KA9MTY
Scott Gibson, N9BBS
Kelly Schaefer, N9HBN
Richard Helz, WG9I
Joe Rayome, KE9LL

The election will be by secret ballot, and the Nominating Committee will serve as tellers.